

**Remarks**

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 17, 2003, Applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-3 and 12-25). This election is made without traverse.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 12-24 and 27-33 are pending, with claims 12 and 27 being independent. Applicants respectfully disagree with the rejection of claims 1-3 and 25 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,182,183 to Wingard *et al.*; however, to further prosecution, Applicants hereby cancel the rejected claims to place the application in condition for allowance, reserving the right to pursue the canceled claims as originally filed in a continuation application.


Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's allowance of claims 12-24. New claims 27-33 are directed to a method that is in accordance with the Examiner's reason for allowance of claims 12-24 and therefore believed allowable as well. As such, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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